

High Schools That Work/Making Middle Grades Work January 2007 Updates

Welcome to 2007! Every indication is that this year is going to go by as fast as the last! My New Year's resolution is to visit each of your schools this year—at least once! The purpose of the visits will be to review your technical assistance reports---or to assist you in implementing any of the new programs that are offered through the Department of Education this year.

Please let me know if you would like more information about anything listed below.

Upcoming Events

January 17	Teachers as Advisors	Sioux Falls
January 18	HSTW Network Meeting	DDN
January 24	Teachers as Advisors	Rapid City
January 31	Teachers as Advisors	Watertown

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Feb. 12 & 13	Refresher Site Development Workshop	Mitchell
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February 15	Senior Project Workshop	Sioux Falls
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Refresher Site Development Workshop

The **Refresher Site Development Workshop** is set for **February 12 and 13** in Mitchell. This is for new and current HSTW/MMGW schools who want a chance to revisit their goals and prioritize according to the key practices of both programs. Take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect, set goals and learn more about HSTW/MMGW. Please let me know by February 2 if your school plans to attend---and how many will be coming.

HSTW/MMGW Network Meeting

Our next meeting (via DDN) is next Thursday, January 18 at 3:30. The focus of the meeting will be to share best practices ---program components, implementation, etc. Come ready to share! If you have written materials – send them to me and I'll post them on the website, as well as to send them out over group email.

Teachers As Advisors

Statewide training starts this month. See the Upcoming Events section for dates and locations. Contact me for specific registration information. Check out the Teachers As Advisors website for lessons plans and program information:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/TAA/index.asp> An implementation guide has been prepared and will soon be added to the site. Contact me if you are interested in receiving a program brochure (s).

Senior Projects

Also checkout the Senior Project website at:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/seniorproject/index.asp>

There are currently 39 schools in some stages of implementing Senior Projects.

Youth Internships

Currently there are thirty schools are implementing Youth Internship programs. Youth Internship programs place qualified students as interns in community businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies to gain valuable on-the-job experience. High school juniors and seniors spend a semester learning all aspects of a community business that is related to their chosen career pathway.

Watch for information soon on upcoming training sessions.

Technical Assistance Site Visits

This has been a busy year for technical assistance visits! If you haven't yet visited with me about a date for me to meet with you regarding your TAV report, please give me a call at 280-0650.

Burke	April 2-4
Baltic	November 13-15
Bridgewater	February 5-7
Chester	November 6-7
LAMD/Watertown	December 6-8
Madison	October 31-November 1
Sanborn Central	November 27-29
Sturgis Middle	March Date TBA
Sturgis High	November 13-14
Timber Lake	November 13-15
Wessington Springs	October 17-19
Tea	December 12 – 14
Tri-Valley	March 19-21
Watertown	January 29 and 30

Summer Conferences

Mark these dates on your calendar – **July 29 – August 3**. The **2nd Annual Career Technical Conference** will be held on the dates in Pierre. This joint conference, sponsored by the Office of Career and Technical Education will also include: HSTW, MMGW, Tech Prep, and the state Association for Career and Technical Education.

The national HSTW conference is set for July 11 – 14 in New Orleans. Check out the HSTW website for details:

<http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/professionalDev/SummerConference/2007Conferenceindex.asp>

Out –of-State Professional Development Opportunities



2007 CSSCR Summer
Institute Registration

SREB Summer Institute

Summary Report – SD HSTW 2006 Assessment

Here's an analysis prepared by Dr. Gene Bottoms of the South Dakota Assessment Results:



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